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Megafire Action Statement on Senate Agriculture Committee's Upcoming Markup of Bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act

Washington, D.C. – Megafire Action, the nation's leading advocacy organization dedicated to solving the megafire crisis, applauded a major step forward today for advancing national wildfire legislation by moving forward with the bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act (S. 1462).

The Fix Our Forests Act—led by Senators John Hickenlooper (D-CO), John Curtis (R-UT), Alex Padilla (D-CA), and Tim Sheehy (R-MT)—would cut red tape that slows proven wildfire resilience efforts that have [previously hampered](#) wildfire response. It also makes long-overdue changes to how the federal government adopts and scales cutting-edge wildfire technology to meet the threats communities face today.

“For too long, Congress has delayed action while communities, forests and wildlands, and lives remain at risk,” **Matt Weiner, CEO and founder of Megafire Action**. “Moving this bipartisan bill forward shows that lawmakers recognize the urgency of the wildfire crisis and the need for real reform at the national level. We urge the Senate to advance the Fix Our Forests Act quickly and deliver the tools and resources needed to protect our communities and restore our forests.”

The bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act has received widespread support from a broad coalition including **leading California fire chiefs, Governors** Jared Polis, Colorado; Gavin Newsom, California; Spencer Cox, Utah; Western Governors' Association; **state agencies** Colorado Department of Natural Resources; Colorado State Forest Service; Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; California Natural Resources Agency; Utah Department of Natural Resources; CAL FIRE, **conservation, environmental, and outdoor recreation groups** including The Nature Conservancy; National Wildlife Federation; Environmental Defense Fund; National Audubon Society; Citizens' Climate Lobby; Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership; Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition; The Stewardship Project; The Ruffed Grouse Society & American Woodcock Society; The Property and Environment Research Center (PERC); Rocky Mountain Elk; Climate & Wildfire Institute; National Wild Turkey Federation; Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the Outdoors (HECHO); **businesses, trade associations, and think tanks** Bipartisan Policy Center Action (BPC Action); and the American Property Casualty Insurance Association; and Salesforce; Berkshire Hathaway Energy; Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions; Colorado's

Electric Cooperatives; United Power; Colorado Water Congress; US Chamber of Commerce, and more.

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